Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ovarian cancer, the fifth most common cause of fatal cancer in the United States, is a threat to women's health across South Dakota; and,

Whereas, An estimated 43 South Dakota women will die this year of ovarian cancer; and,

Whereas, Ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early, and at this stage, the 5-year survival rate can be 95 percent; and,

Whereas, Currently, there is no screening test available for the early detection of ovarian cancer; and,

Whereas, Increased public awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and,

Whereas, More ovarian cancer research can help to develop reliable diagnosis, better therapies, and prevention strategies:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State